

The death of Chief Judge Ruger removes a prominent figure from the bench of the State highest court, and creates an important vacancy to be filled by Governor Flower on the threshold of his term. Judge Ruger was a good lawyer and was liberally endowed with good sense, and his record on the bench was an excellent one, but his usefulness was somewhat impaired by the fact that he had been an active politician before being made a Judge. It is to be hoped that if Governor Flower succeeds the Governor will be in